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RESOLUTION OPPOSING TEXAS WINDSTORM INSURANCE ASSOCIATION RATE INCREASE

WHEREAS, the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas (PCCA), and neighboring coastal cities were severely impacted by damages caused by Hurricane Harvey on August 25, 2017, and continue to be steadfast with efforts to rebuild more resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott first issued a disaster declaration on Aug. 23, 2017, for Aransas, Austin, Bee, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Harris, Jackson, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, Waller, Wharton, and Wilson counties; and

WHEREAS, our Coastal Bend community is experiencing tremendous growth with over 50 billion dollars of announced industry investments; therefore, increased construction costs and higher premiums will make it difficult for new developments to commit to the area; and

WHEREAS, Texas Windstorm Insurance Association's (TWIA) rapidly rising rates are also creating a serious hindrance to economic development along the Texas Gulf Coast; and


WHEREAS, TWIA Board of Directors voted 5-4 to increase rates for 2019 by 10 percent at its July 31, 2018, quarterly Board meeting. This action was forestalled by Governor Greg Abbott in order to allow the Texas Legislature to address TWIA's actuarial deficiency; and

WHEREAS, the 86th Texas Legislature enacted House Bill 1900 which establishes a Legislative Oversight Board (Legislative Funding and Funding Structure Oversight Board) to prepare and deliver a sustainability report of TWIA to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient premiums, assessments, and reinsurance to cover potential TWIA liabilities for 2020;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Port Commission encourages the TWIA Board of Directors to show restraint and allow the will of the Texas Legislature to be fully implemented before TWIA votes for a rate increase that could significantly stifle rebuilding and rehabilitating homes, businesses, and lives along the Texas coast.

ADOPTED this the 10th day of December 2019, by the Port Commission of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas.



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Port Commission Chairman